OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to all as we worship, serve and grow together."

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income, or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done, or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer, and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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NOVEMBER 2026 @ OUR SAVIOR'S

1 All Saints Day **Daylight Saving Time Ends** 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 3pm Chamber Chorale Concert 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	**2 All Souls Day** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	**3 Election Day** **Church Office Closed** 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	**4 All Saints Wednesday** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 6:30pm Dorcas Society mtg.	**5** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	**6** Pastor/Staff Sabbath	**7** 9am – 1pm WCC Open 9am – 1pm Dorcas Baking
8 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:30 W&M Committee mtg. 10:30am Help Dorcas Society 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	**9** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers 4pm Dorcas Baking	**10** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 9am Quilters 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	**11 24th Wed. after Pentecost** **Veterans Day** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 4pm Dorcas Baking	**12** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	**13** Pastor/Staff Sabbath Dorcas Christmas Bazaar 9am – 1pm Set Up	**14** 9am – 1pm WCC Open **Dorcas Christmas Bazaar** 9am – 1pm Bazaar 9:30 – 11:30am Brunch
15 25th Sunday after Pentecost **Noisy Offering Emerg. Fund** 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am ABC Feast Potluck 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	**16** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	**17** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	**18 25th Wed. after Pentecost** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 1pm Art & Faith 6pm Church Council	**19** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1:30pm W-ELCA Thankoffering	**20** Pastor/Staff Sabbath	**21** 9am – 1pm WCC Open
22 26th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	**23** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	**24** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 9am Quilters 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	**25 26th Wed. after Pentecost** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship	**26 Thanksgiving** **Church Office Closed**	**27** Pastor/Staff Sabbath	**28** 9am – 1pm WCC Open
29 Advent 1 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Tree Trimming 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	**30** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	**December 1** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	**December 2 Advent 1** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 6pm Dorcas Society mtg.	**December 3** 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	**December 4** Pastor/Staff Sabbath	**December 5** 9am – 1pm WCC Open

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Darlene Kroner
4 Anna Duresky
7 Jennifer Schmitz
7 Nancy Winberg
8 Susie Manske
9 Lily Woodard
10 Cindy Hanson
10 Jonathan Kadera
10 Leslie Smaby
10 Melissa Smaby
10 Rod Tisthammer
11 Julie Novander
11 Dean Seidel
12 Barb Clark
13 Karen Geier
13 Bruce Losby
14 Barb Balch
14 Krista Potts
15 Marion Thiele
16 Samanna Kadera
18 Makenna Klingelhofer
19 Pam Smaby
22 David Kadera
22 Sara Weeks
23 Rachel Byers
24 Christian Rudrud
25 Michelle DeLeon
25 Dawn Ortiz
27 Jaida Budworth
28 Julia Rudrud
30 Bruce Kwosek

Calendar Notations
HC—Holy Communion
CF—Coffee Fellowship
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet
CFS—Come for Supper
LWR—Lutheran World Relief

NOVEMBER DONATION DRIVE – NOODLES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Help us fill the shelves for **Come for Supper** this November! We're collecting **egg noodles** to help provide meals for our neighbors in the community. Every bag or package makes a difference! **Where to donate:** Look for the grocery cart in the narthex. ***Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors, one meal at a time!***

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

As the temperatures drop, our Women's Clothes Closet is stocked and ready for fall and winter! Come find warm, comfortable styles—cozy sweaters, pants, dresses, shoes, scarves, hats, and more. ***Have gently used items to share?*** Call **608.784.5745** to arrange a drop-off. Your donations help women in our community stay warm *and* confident this season.

WINTER WARMTH NEEDED

Cool weather is here, and we're especially in need of **winter coats and jackets (all sizes, especially plus sizes)** to help our neighbors bundle up. And while you're at it—please consider adding a **package of new socks, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion, and deodorant,** to your donation! These essentials make a big difference in keeping our community warm and cared for this winter. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

DORCAS SOCIETY—CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & MORE!

With the changing of the leaves and cooler weather, it's time to start thinking about our annual Christmas Bazaar.

Our baking schedule this year will be as follows:

- **Saturday, November 7**, **9am**, we will be making rosettes.
- **Monday, November 9, 4pm**, it will be time to get your thumbs out to make Sandbakkels. ***All able-bodied thumbs are welcome!***
- **Wednesday, November 11, 4pm**, we will be rolling krumkake (aka scrolls).

This is the perfect opportunity for anyone wanting to learn how to make these delicious Norwegian goodies to come and help! All are welcome, women and men.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 4** at **6:30pm**. Anyone wishing to join our fun group is welcome to attend.

On **Friday, November 13**, we'll do our setup beginning at **9am**. Then on **Saturday, November 14** our annual Christmas Bazaar will take place beginning at **9am**.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES

The Dorcas Society is getting ready for the Christmas Bazaar and would love your help filling the tables with homemade goodies! We're accepting **baked good donations starting Sunday, November 8, through Friday morning, November 13.** (We'll be packaging everything on Friday morning, so please have your treats to the church by then.) Cookies, candies, fudge, cakes, muffins, bars, and other sweet treats are all welcome! Thank you for sharing your baking talents and helping make the bazaar extra special. **Together, we'll make the season a little sweeter and a whole lot merrier!** 💝 🎄

🍎 🥪 ABC FEAST POTLUCK 🥖 🍇

Sunday, November 15, 10:15am | Fellowship Hall

Come hungry and bring your ABCs! Join us for an ABC Feast Potluck, where everyone signs up to bring a dish inspired by a letter of the alphabet. From apples to zucchini (and everything in between!), let's see what delicious variety we can put together!

📝 **Ready to join the feast?** Sign up to bring a dish on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Check out the letters and add your name! Let's make it a tasty alphabet adventure! 😋

ART & FAITH

Wednesday, November 18, 1pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for our card-making ministry as we create cards to brighten someone's day. Come for an hour of creativity, conversation, and connection. All supplies are provided, and everyone is welcome! ***Make cards, share kindness, spread joy—no experience necessary.*** 💌

📪 PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS BOOK

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has a new mailing address!

Please update your records and use our new address for all future mail:
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
612 Division St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

Please use this address whenever you send mail to the church. Thanks for helping us make the switch!

SAVE THE DATE—WELCA THANKOFFERING

Thursday, November 19, 1:30pm—Fellowship Hall

Did you know that the concept of thankoffering celebrations date back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans? Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community. Coming together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Please remember to bring your thankoffering boxes/offerings.

PASTORAL ACTS - FUNERAL

Barb Jarrett, 80, of Stoddard, WI, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, September 24, 2026. A funeral service was held on Friday, October 2, 2026, at 11am at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI. Pastor Joanne Richmond officiated.

Esther Harman, 87, of La Crosse, WI, passed away Friday, September 4, 2026. A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 11am at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI. Pastor Joanne Richmond officiated.

Carol Rhode, 72, of La Crosse, WI, passed away early in the morning on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. A memorial service was held Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 11am in the chapel at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Pastor Joanne Richmond officiated.

Jim Jarrett, 81, of Stoddard, WI, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, October 20, 2026. A funeral service was held on Friday, October 30, 2026, at 11am at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI. Pastor Joanne Richmond officiated.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

			Jan. 1 – Sept. 30, 2026, Actual	YTD Budget
INCOME	General Income		$166,445.70	$201,375.00
		Other Income	$30,967.66	$21,626.28
	Benevolence		$2,181.26	$3,375.00
	Mission Support		$10,388.00	$18,749.97
		Other Mission Support	$3,026.00	$6,562.53
TOTAL INCOME			**$213,008.64**	**$251,688.73**
TOTAL EXPENSE			**$245,891.29**	**$254,072.84**
OVER/UNDER			**($32,882.65)**	**($2,384.06)**

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were from Friday, September 18, 2026– Friday, October 30, 2026. Thank you!

- **AV Ministry Fund** in memory of Darrell Dahl by Bob & Carol Miller
- **Come for Supper** in memory of Carol Rhode by Nance Klapper and by Patrick & Patti Doughman
- **Emergency Fund** in honor of Pastor Joanne's 40th ordination anniversary by the Dorcas Society
- **Green Initiative** in honor of Pastor Joanne's 40th ordination anniversary by Colleen Pitz and by Bob & Carol Miller and Colleen Pitz
- **Lutheran World Relief Shipping Fund** by Sue Staples
- **Quilters** in memory of Esther Harman by Chuck & Linda Rudrud
- **Undesignated** in memory of Esther Harman by Dennis & Linda Baehr, Judy Boffleur, Nancy & John Bradley, KM & NL Cowgill, Jana French, Todd & Kim Grapes, Abe & Becky Grijalva, Douglas & Pamela Hein, William & Amy Klaus, Kathleen Lucey, Doris Modahl, Helen Munson, Sarah & Jacob Nelsen, Roger & Nannette Schroeder, Mark & Katherine Solfest, Sue Staples, Ingrid Thompson, Cheryl Vieth, Christi Ziems, and Cynthia Zimmerman, in memory of Barb Jarrett by Sue Staples, in memory of Carol Rhode by Jeremiah & Erin Lynch, in memory of Pastor Jim Radatz by Mary Ann Laes, and by Doris Modahl
- **Women's Clothes Closet** by David & Colleen Benkendorf, Thomas Mason, Our Savior's W-ELCA, and St. John's Lutheran Church's W-ELCA, Alma, WI